

#### PHAP15-00041

Date: November 2, 2015

**Application Type:** Certificate of Appropriateness

**Property Owner:** Trinity Trust

Representative: Greg and Melissa Kobe

Legal Description: Being 14 Manhattan Heights 43 to 47, City of El Paso, El Paso County,

Texas

Historic District: Manhattan HeightsLocation: 3101 Federal Avenue

Representative District: #2

**Existing Zoning:** R-3/H (Residential/Historic)

Year Built: 1922 Historic Status: Landmark

**Request:** Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of existing metal

picket fence w/new iron fence mounted behind concrete base; removal of trees and replacement with shrubs; painting unpainted masonry including keystones, window sills, and bands; installation of new iron gate; installation of brick on stucco façade; installation of gravel in parkways; installation of planters; demolition of concrete driveways, porch and steps at entrance and construction of new concrete

driveways, modified porch and steps

 Application Filed:
 10/19/2015

 45 Day Expiration:
 12/3/2015





#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The applicant seeks approval for:

Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of existing metal picket fence w/new iron fence mounted behind concrete base; removal of trees and replacement with shrubs; painting unpainted masonry including keystones, window sills, and bands; installation of new iron gate; installation of brick on stucco façade; installation of gravel in parkways; installation of planters; demolition of concrete driveways, porch and steps at entrance and construction of new concrete driveways, modified porch and steps

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Historic Preservation Office recommends APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS of the proposed scope of work based on the following recommendations:

The Design Guidelines for El Paso's Historic Districts, Sites, and Properties recommend the following:

- Construction of new fences, stairs, or sidewalk rails and replacement of older existing fences is allowed on historic properties provided that the proposed site feature is of a compatible material and scale
- The height of the proposed fence should complement the structure (primarily as viewed from the street) and should not obstruct the public's view of the building.
- Retain fences and walls that contribute to the historic character of the property and the district where possible. If replacement is necessary, replace only the deteriorated element to match the original in dimension, proportion, material, texture, and detail.
- Retain mature trees that contribute to the character of the historic district.
- Replace mature trees with similar canopy and in the same location when they are damaged or diseased. When the same site location is not practical, select a location for replacement trees that will enhance the appearance and character of the historic streetscape or provide shade.
- Grass and sod may be removed from parkways provided not more than 50% of the area is covered with gravel or other masonry that is made of impervious materials (brick pavers, gravel, and masonry pavers). The remaining 50% must be covered with trees and living plants that provide ground cover.
- Painting or applying coatings such as cement or stucco to exposed masonry/stone is not appropriate, because it will change the historic appearance of the masonry/stone feature, and can accelerate deterioration. Previously painted surfaces that were painted prior to designation or with a permit may remain painted.
- It is not appropriate to paint brick, stone, copper, bronze, concrete, or cement block surfaces that were historically unpainted.
- If it is necessary to replace masonry, always use materials that match the color, size and texture of the masonry being replaced.
- A porch and all of its architectural elements should be maintained and repaired. If elements must be replaced, materials should match the original construction. Designs should be innovative and compatible with the building and/or the surrounding area.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation recommend the following:

- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property.
- New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a
  manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic
  property and its environment would be unimpaired.

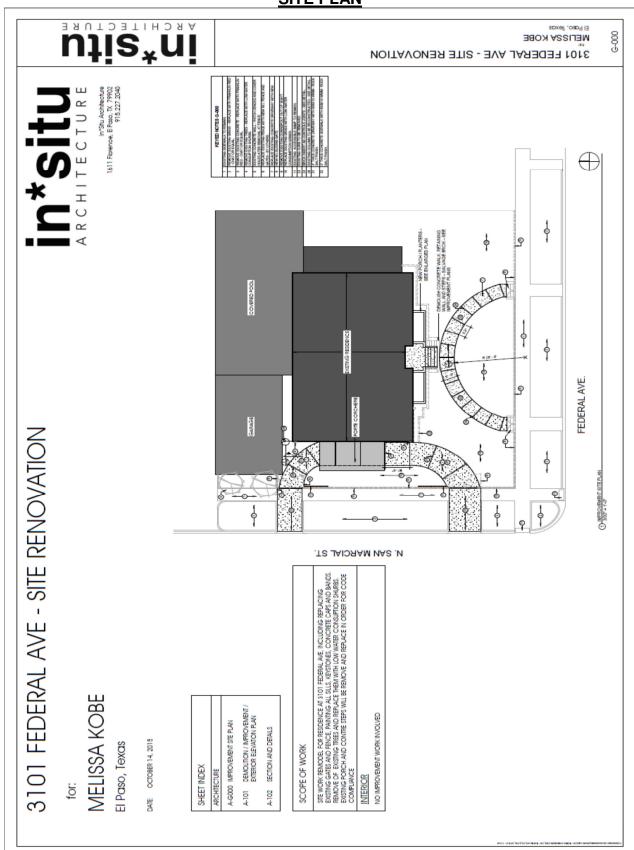
- Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the
  severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature
  shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where
  possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by
  documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

The modifications are that the unpainted masonry remain unpainted; that the parkways be planted with shrubs or trees to meet the requirement that 50% must be covered with trees and living plants that provide ground cover; that the planters be removed from the design and that the length of the new porch be extended so that it ends at the end of the second bay of windows on either side of the entrance; and that the stucco wall on the eastern-most portion of the house not be covered with brick.

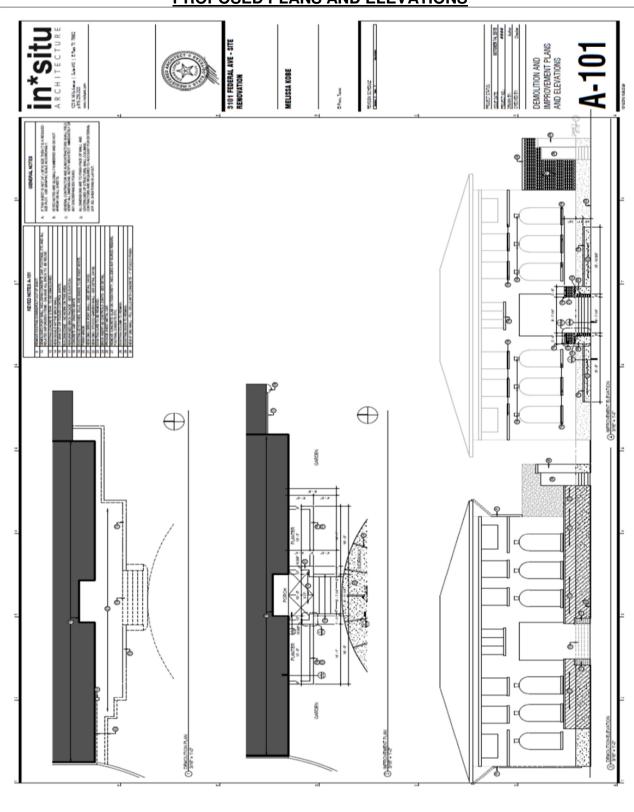
#### **AERIAL MAP**



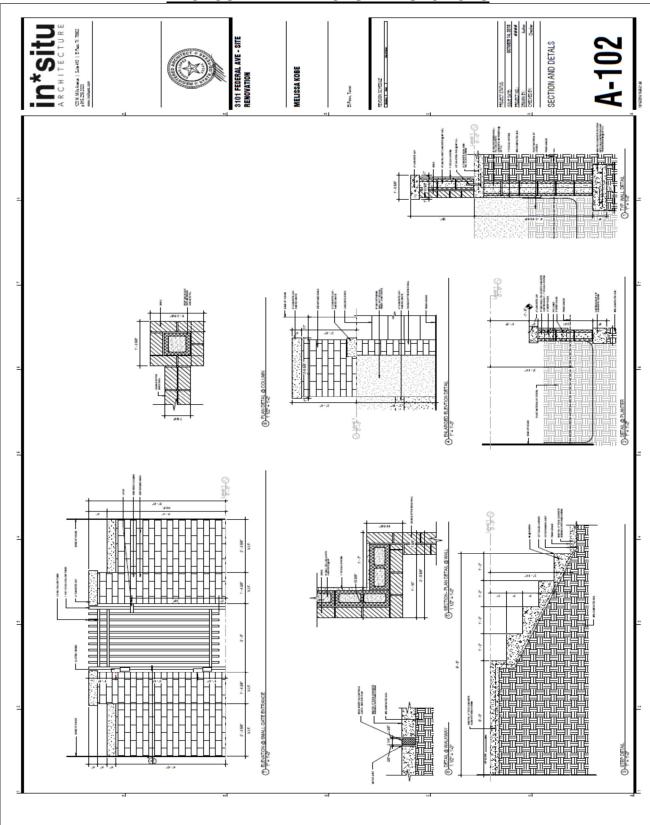
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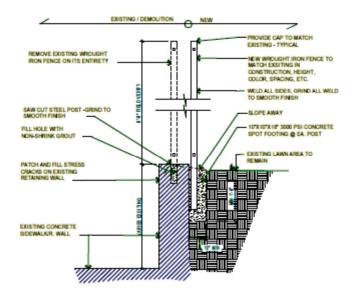
# **PROPOSED PLANS AND ELEVATIONS**



# PROPOSED ELEVATIONS AND SECTIONS



# **FENCE DETAIL**



(5) WROUGHT IRON FENCE DETAIL